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PREFACE

The information recorded in this volume was obtained from several sources. That contained in the foreword and the account of the first four generations of the Bechtel line was largely supplied by Admiral Otto Bechtel, Hamburg 26, Lohhof 9. Admiral Bechtel has devoted much time to examining the original records and constructing a history of the forbears and descendants of the Hanau branch of the family.

From and including the fifth, and up to and including the ninth generation, the information was obtained directly from the parish records by the Rev. F. Reimann, pastor of the famous old Protestant Church of St. Mary (Reformed Lutheran) of Hanau. Thereafter living members of the family supplied all data, partly taken from the passports and birth certificates of the emigrants.

The data on the Laufer family were obtained from the parish records by the Rev. Drüener, pastor of the Protestant Church (Reformed Lutheran) of Hersfeld on the Fulda River.

The data on the early Waldburger, Leopoldt and Kampe families in Bohemia were obtained by Karl Friedrich von Frank zu Döfering, Schloss Senftenegg, Austria, directly from the parish records of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Bartholomew in Hirschberg, District of Dokra, Bohemia, and the "Mannschaftsbücher der Herrschaft, Hirschberg." Data applying to the Waldburger emigrants and their descendents were obtained from passports and birth certificates of the emigrants and from living members of the family.

The writer is indebted to all who co-operated in obtaining the data from the records and checking them for accuracy.

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Late photograph of Carl P. Bechtel (1863-1935) and his wife Rose (Waldburger) Bechtel.

Ernest Julius Bechtel, 1870-1933.

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THE BECHTEL FAMILY

The Bechtel family seems to have originated in Germany within a radius of 50 miles from Hanau on Main. Branches of the family with old pedigrees are found in many places in Hessen Darmstadt and Baden, as far south as Speyer. Other families are found in Lorrach, Baden and in Switzerland. A family spelling the name Bechtl lived in the sixteenth century at Friedburg on the Letch River in Bavaria, while another emigrated to Cassel from Obergrenzebach about 1600.

The name, according to language science, could have come from the old high Germanic words "beraht" now "pracht" meaning brilliant, radiant, splendid, to which the early diminutive ending "ilo" was added to designate the young son of the family. The sounding of the "o" in "ilo" was dropped at the end of the middle high Germanic period (thirteenth century) and the ending became "el" — Beraht, Berahtilo, pronounced Berchtilo, Berahtel, pronounced Berchtel by hard effort and Bechtel naturally. By slightly varying the usage and endings, such names as Bechtolff, Bechtolt, Bechtold, Bechtl, Bechtulff, and perhaps Pechtel, Bachtel, Pachtel and similar sounds could be derived.

A more plausible theory of whence came the name, is that it is a place name handed down from an old estate in Rheinhessen (Franconia) called Bechtolsheim. This estate was mentioned as early as 766 as Berhtolfesheim, indicating that it was founded by a man named Berhtolf. The old noble family Von Bechtolsheim, long since extinct, transferred the estate to the family Von Mauchenheim in 1350. Descendants of families owning, or even serving, on this old estate no doubt took the substance of its name for their own when surnames were adopted in the thirteenth century.

One early family writing its name Bechtulff, Bechtolff, Bechtolt, and after 1670 Bechtel was living in the village of Biebesheim on the Rhine, some 30 miles south of the old estate of Bechtolsheim, in 1487. This branch spread to Lorch (1556) and Eich and Stock-

stadt after 1660, and probably to Hamm on the Rhine, Reichelsheim in Starkenburg and to Ellenbach and Mittershausen in the Oldenwald.

Another family headed by Niklas Bechtloff whose name on the tax list was spelled Bechtel in 1627, was living at Epstein in 1617. The spelling of the name and the nearness of Epstein to Biebesheim would indicate that Niklas was a part of the old Biebesheim family. Niklas had a son Peter, who became the chief magistrate of Epstein. Three of Peter's sons, settled in Frankenthal and founded the well known family of that city and vicinity. Direct descendants of Peter founded the Bechtel families in Hanau (1729), the District of Kreuznach (1739) and Bremen (1755). This history deals specifically with one line of the Hanau branch.

Many families of the Bechtel name emigrated to America between 1700 and 1860. Those whose birthplaces are definitely known were,

Johannes Bechtel (1690-1777), reformed church, son of Hans Peter Bechtel (born 1639, died after 1695) of Frankenthal. He died April 16, 1777, and is buried in Bethlehem, Pa. His family consisted of nine children.

Karl William Bechtel and Philip Edouard Julius Bechtel came in 1852 and 1853 respectively from Hanau, Germany, the sons of Karl Bechtel, 1795-1863. (See forward.)

Jacob Bechtel came from Hamm in 1855.

Karl William Bechtel came from Huesingen, near Lorrach, Baden, in 1884. His father was Fritz William Bechtel of Huesingen and his grandfather, Johann Heinrich Bechtel, born in Wieslet, Baden, near the Swiss frontier. The family was living (1926) in Kansas City, Missouri. It consisted of six daughters and one son named for his father.

Edward Ernest Bechtel emigrated from Switzerland to New York City in 1892. His father was August Bechtel, born at Durkheim (Pfalz), moving in 1848 to Thalwil on Lake Zurich, Switzerland.

Other emigrants to America were,

Hans Jacob Bechtel, Mennonite minister, immigrated 1717 or 1720, settled in Township of Hanover near Pottstown, Pa. He died 1739, leaving four children.

George (Joh. Georg) Bechtel, Mennonite minister, immigrated 1727 or 1728 probably from Mannheim, from which place he

organized, in 1727, a large emigration of Mennonites. According to records of his brother-in-law, Paulus Engert, they were together at Mannheim since 1710. He settled at Hereford near Bally, Berks County, Pa., and remained there until he died. His wife's name was Maria, but it is not known whether he married in Germany, or later at Hereford. He died in 1759, leaving seven children.

Christoph Bechtel. Religion unknown. Immigrated 1733 or earlier. He settled in township of Exeter, Pa. It is thought that he came from the Pfalz. His wife's name was Susannah. Born 1680, died 1762. Had six children.

Abraham Bechtel (Bochtell), probably from the Pfalz, Mennonite, immigrated 1739, settled at Clayton, Berks County, Pa. His wife's name was Salome. He was probably a nephew of (Joh.) George Bechtel who came to Pennsylvania in 1727 or 1728. He died in 1785, leaving one son.

Joh. George Bechtel, religion not known, immigrated 1743 (according to others 1740, in Dutch records as Begtel). Settled at Amity, near Pottstown, Pa., married Anna Mary Klingmann. He died 1751. Had two children and nineteen grandchildren.

In 1711 Christian Bechtel emigrated, probably, from Oppau.

In 1732 Lorenz Bechtle. (*Sic.*)

In 1743 Samuel Bechtel.

In 1752 Peter Bechtel.

In 1771 Johann Georg Friedrich Bechtel.

In 1777 Abraham Bechtel, born March 7th, 1739, married Marie Koch, born Feb. 22nd, 1745. About 1768 he emigrated with his family from Switzerland to Canada. From there, soon after 1800, he moved with his brother, Georg Bechtel, and his cousins, Joseph Bechtel and Georg Bechtel, to the township of Pitland, Chester County, Pa. The numerous descendants of Abraham Bechtel formed a family association and have held regular meetings every year since 1893.

The family hereafter chronicled is descended from Niklas Bechtloff[1], who was mentioned in the government records at Speyer in 1617. In 1627 the name was written Bechtel. (See Tax List 1617, also of 1627.) He was residing at Epstein near Frankenthal in the Pfalz. He was probably a part of the Bechtloff (later,

Bechtel) family of Biebesheim, nearby, whose records date back to 1487. Of issue was a son:

Peter Bechtel[2], b. about 1605; d. between 1652-1666; m. Jan. 14, 1635, Barbara Rhein. He was the chief magistrate of Epstein which bears out tradition that the early family was one of importance and affluence. Issue six children as follows:

(1) Jacob Bechtel, b. Feb. 28, 1636, at Epstein.

(2) Hans Peter Bechtel[3], b. Mar. 20, 1639; d. after 1695; became citizen of Frankenthal Oct. 27, 1669. Referred to as tradesman, 1679. Of issue were two sons; Johannes, b. 1690, and Adam Jonas, b. 1697. (See forward for children.)

(3) Anna Marie Bechtel, b. Mar. 3, 1642, at Epstein.

(4) Margarethe Bechtel, b. Dec. 16, 1644, at Epstein.

(5) Hans Walter Bechtel, b. Feb. 23, 1648; d. after 1678; m. Apr. 25, 1666, Martyntie de Castelle. Referred to, 1678, as laborer at Frankenthal. Descendants unknown.

(6) Christoph Bechtel[4], b. Oct. 9, 1652, at Epstein; d. before July 9, 1699. Was referred to as citizen of Frankenthal. Was innkeeper of the "Golden Eagle" in 1680. Issue six children. (See forward for children.)

Children of Hans Peter Bechtel[3], son of Peter[2] and Barbara (Rhein) Bechtel.

(1) Johannes Bechtel, b. Oct. 30, 1690, at Frankenthal; d. Apr. 16, 1777, at Bethlehem, Pa. Married Feb. 13, 1715, at Heidelberg, Maria Apollonia Maret. He was a citizen of Heidelberg at the time and was referred to as a teacher. Emigrated to Pennsylvania, U. S. A., 1726, and settled in Germantown, where he was a minister in the Reformed Church, joined the brotherhood of Moravians and wrote the first Reformed Catechism published in the U. S. A. Issue, nine children, descendants of whom live in U. S. A.

(2) Adam Jonas Bechtel, b. Jan. 18, 1697, at Frankenthal; d. Jan. 22, 1768, at Crefeld; m. Nov. 20, 1724, Marie Catherina Behaghel, who was b. 1699; d. Dec. 4, 1768, at Crefeld. In 1737 was tobacco dealer in Frankenthal. Issue said to have been one son and five daughters.

Children of Christoph Bechtel[4], who was a son of Peter[2] and Barbara (Rhein) Bechtel.

(1) Cornelius Bechtel[5], b. at Frankenthal about 1675; d. May 22, 1722, in Frankenthal; m. Susanna Margaretha ———; he was a member of the Town Council, and innkeeper of the "Golden Eagle."

Church records refer to him as a manufacturer of malt beverages. In 1722 he was Mayor and Captain of the Militia. (See forward for children.)

(2) Apollonia Bechtel.

(3) Johann Caspar Bechtel, b. at Frankenthal; d. after 1749; m. Maria Margaretha DuBois. Alderman and innkeeper of "White Lion" 1732-1749; Mayor of Frankenthal. Children, as follows:

(a) Abdias Bechtel, b. 1709; m. April 29, 1738, Elisabeth Katherine Achenbach at Heidelberg. Citizen at Frankenthal, brewer. Descendants unknown.

(b) Joh. Christoph Bechtel, b. Oct. 2, 1714; d. Dec. 13, 1769, at Roxheim; m. May 10, 1730, Joh. Luise Simon. Studied at Heidelberg. Minister at Gross-Bockenheim (Pfalz), 1739-66. After 1766 minister at Roxheim. Twelve children as follows: Joh. Daniel, b. 1745; Joh. Christoph, b. 1746; Joh. Susanna, b. 1749; Joh. Wilhelm, b. 1751; Karl Ludwig, b. 1753; Luise Magdalene, b. 1755; Conrad Ludwig, b. 1757; Marie Wilhelmina, b. 1759; Caroline Christine Rosine, b. 1761; Georg Friedrich, b. 1764; Karl Friedrich Wilh., b. 1765; Philip Conrad, b. 1768. The pedigree of this family is kept by Mr. August Bechtel, Kreuznach, Weinkauffstr., 6.

(c) Joh. Daniel Bechtel, b. 1724, at Frankenthal; d. after 1797, at Frankenthal. Wife's name unknown. Manufacturer of cloth. Alderman, Mayor, widely known and much honored. With seventy others gave himself as hostage to the French to prevent burning of Frankenthal. Three daughters, as follows: Eva, who m. Mr. Scheid; Johanna, who m. Mr. Simon, and Friederika, who m. Mr. Weber.

(4) Johanna Maria Bechtel.

(5) Johann Peter Bechtel, b. about 1692, at Frankenthal; d. about 1751; m. July 30, 1716, Maria Sybilla Jureka at Heidelberg. Citizen of Frankenthal 1716; tradesman; deacon of German Reformed Church. Children as follows:

(a) Peter Lukas Bechtel, b. 1729.

(b) Jonas Bechtel, b. 1732 at Frankenthal; d. May 9, 1782, at Crefeld. Evidently unmarried.

(c) Cornelius Bechtel, b. Dec. 5, 1734, at Frankenthal; d. Aug. 6, 1801, at Bremen; m. Oct. 24, 1775, Anna Helene Jonas at Celle. Moved to Bremen in 1755 and became the progenitor of the Bremen family. Was referred to as citizen and wine merchant there in 1763. Eight children. Two sons, Georg Jonas, b. 1781, and Cornelius, b. 1787. Pedigree of his descendants is kept by Mr. W. Albers Niederhaverbeck, post office Schneverdingen (Hanover).

(6) Christoph Bechtel, b. Frankenthal; d. Aug. 15, 1767, at Frankenthal; m. July 13, 1719, Anna Maria Hermanni. Was a brewer. In 1733-35 kept a warehouse at the Sieben Bauerhof at Ormbsheim. Three sons, as follows:

(a) Georg Elias Bechtel, b. Feb. 23, 1721, at Frankenthal; d. before 1783 at Frankenthal; m., first, Marie Elizabeth Chevallier by whom there was issue, one son and two daughters; m., second, widow Maria Barbara Sond. No descendants of this family remain.

(b) Johann Caspar Bechtel, b. 1724; d. 1757. He was a brewer. Wife unknown. Children, Daniel, b. 1749; Gertraude, b. 1752, and another son. Descendants unknown.

(c) Christoph Bechtel, b. 1731 at Frankenthal. No other information.

Children of Cornelius Bechtel[5], son of Christoph Bechtel[4], and grandson of Peter[2] and Barbara (Rhein) Bechtel.

(1) Cornelius Bechtel[6], b. April 1703, at Frankenthal; d. Jan. 7, 1768, at Hanau. Removed 1729 to Hanau and became founder of the family there. Married Oct. 20, 1730, Justine Catherine, widow of the late Johannes Adam Schaffers, a former business man and citizen of the suburbs of Hanau. (Marriage Register No. 5, p. 305.) Her maiden name was Koch. (Marriage Register No. 5, p. 252.) He became a citizen of Hanau (Alstadt) Nov. 5, 1729, and until his death on Jan. 7, 1768, was active in business as a brewer, innkeeper and merchant. He was a highly respected citizen, a member of the municipal council and temporary mayor. His descendants are found today in Hamburg, Elbing, Naumburg, Ilbenstadt (Hessen), Heroldsburg near Nurnberg, Manchester, England, New York, U. S. A., and Buenos Aires in the Argentine. (See forward for children.)

(2) Johann Peter Bechtel, b. at Frankenthal; d. 1782 at Bremen. Moved to Bremen 1758. Married (wife unknown) and had two sons:

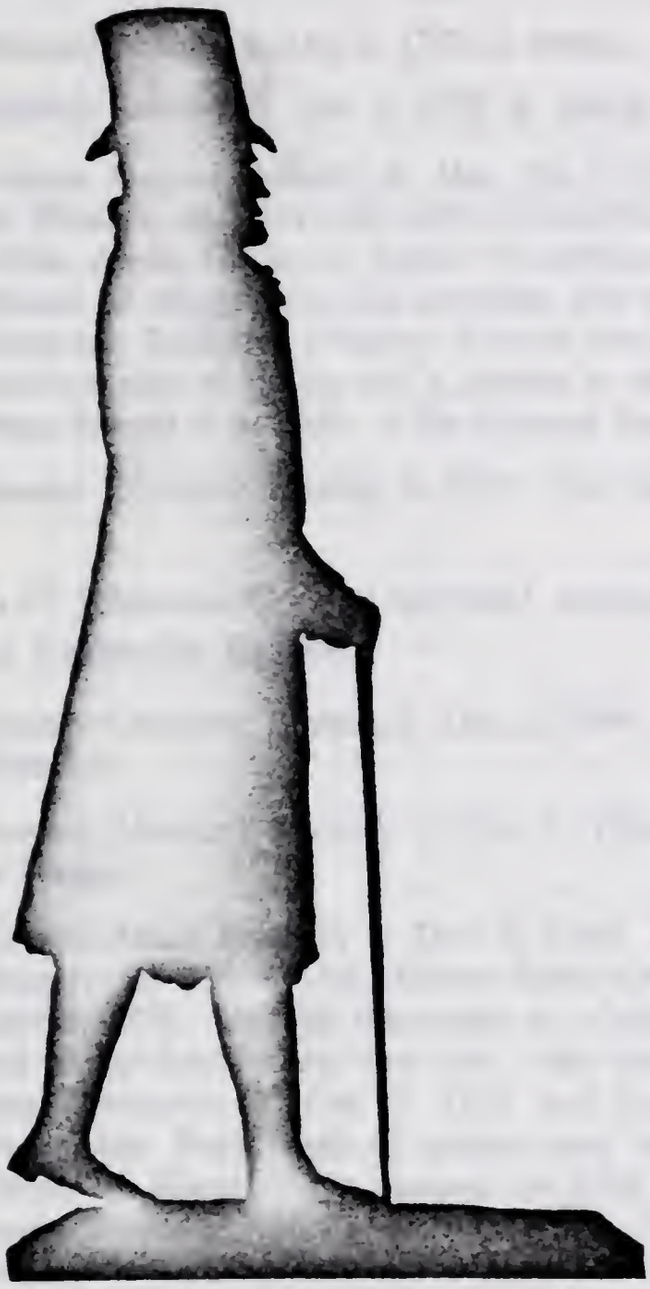
(a) Cornelius Bechtel, b. 1761 in Bremen; d. young.

(b) Johan Peter Bechtel, b. 1764; d. 1820 in Bremen. Unmarried.

(3) Joh. Caspar Bechtel, b. 1722 at Frankenthal; d. Jan. 5, 1783, at Mannheim. Did not marry. Employed in merchant firm.

Children of Cornelius Bechtel[6], son of Cornelius Bechtel[5], Sr., and grandson of Christoph Bechtel[4].

(1) Abraham Bechtel, b. July 11, 1732; bap. July 14, 1732, at Hanau. Left descendants.



Oberst Serrurier.

Maler Wagenknecht.

Silhouette of John Isaac Serrurier (1725-1802). Reproduced from Zimmerman, Chart IV, page 764.

(2) Isaac Bechtel, b. Jan. 12, 1734; bap. Jan. 14, 1734, at Hanau. Left descendants.

(3) Johannes Bechtel, b. Jan. 3, 1735, d. young.

(4) Friedrich Bechtel, b. Jan. 3, 1735, d. young.

(5) Johannes Conrad Bechtel[7], b. Mar. 26, 1736; bap. Mar. 28, 1736, at Hanau; m. Nov. 26, 1759, Friederika, lawful daughter of Johan Adam Leisler, a doctor of medicine, of the new part of Hanau, at whose home the marriage was solemnized by the Rev. Inspector Schiede. Johannes Conrad Bechtel was a citizen and business man of Hanau and a captain in the Civil Guards (Marriage Record 6, p. 295). (See forward for children.)

(6) Johannes Cornelius Bechtel, b. 1737. Left descendants.

Children of Johannes Conrad Bechtel[7], son of Cornelius Bechtel[6] and Justine Catherine Bechtel.

(1) Johannes Cornelius Bechtel, b. Oct. 2, 1760; bap. Oct. 27, 1760, at Hanau.

(2) Johannes Abraham Bechtel, b. Oct. 7, 1764; bap. Oct. 25, 1764, at Hanau.

(3) Johannes Adam Bechtel[8], b. Dec. 9, 1765; bap. Dec. 13, 1765, at Hanau; m. Oct. 4, 1795, Esther Rahel Gertraud Serrurier, bap. June 3, 1773. He was the owner of a coffee importing business and a merchant in the new city. She was a daughter of John Isaac Serrurier, b. Oct. 7, 1725, and his wife, Marie Agnete Dufay (du Fay), both of whom were members of the Dutch Parish of Hanau. The parents of John Isaac Serrurier were Louis Serrurier, pastor of the Dutch Parish (called to the parish from Amsterdam in 1716) and his wife, Esther de Visch. The Dufays were also of Dutch ancestry and one of the wealthiest and most highly respected families of Hanau. John Isaac Serrurier was Private Secretary to the Prince, Princely Counsellor of the Exchequer in Hanau, Chancellor of the East India Company in Holland and, after 1790, Counsellor of the Chambers and member of the Police Commission in Hanau. He died, Sept. 20, 1802. (See forward for children.)

(4) Maria Gertraud Bechtel, b. Jan. 3, 1768; bap. Jan. 8, 1768, at Hanau.

(5) Johanette Catharina Bechtel, b. May 15, 1770; bap. May 21, 1770, at Hanau.

(6) Johann Philip Bechtel, b. May 14, 1771; bap. May 24, 1771, at Hanau.

Children of Johannes Adam Bechtel[8], son of Johannes Conrad Bechtel[7], and his wife Esther Rahel Gertraud Serrurier.

(1) Maria Agnetta Bechtel, b. June 24, 1796; bap. July 4, 1796. Godfather, Johann Isaac Serrurier, grandfather of the child. She married Karl Bode, Revenue Collector of Electorate of Hesse.

(2) Karl Bechtel[9], the subject of this book, was born in Hanau, Oct. 6, 1797; bap. Oct. 19, 1797; d. Jan. 3, 1863; godfather Abraham Bechtel, Princely Customs Collector in Hanau. Karl Bechtel m. three times as follows: first, to Johanna Marie Friederike Fresenius, b. Apr. 19, 1797; d. Feb. 22, 1825. Second, Marie Friederike Ernestine Osterheld, born at Rohrbach in the Erbach district Aug. 10, 1799; d. May 20, 1837. Third, Marie Philippine Franziska Stauch, b. Apr. 28, 1808; d. Nov. 3, 1886. There was issue by all three marriages.

Karl Bechtel[9] was honored in many positions of trust. He was highly educated in the law. 1830 to 1833 he was a Supreme Court attorney in Hanau, after which and until 1836 he was Supreme Court Judge at the Supreme Court in Hanau. Thereafter he served as judge in the courts of Rotenburg on the Fulda River, Allendorf, Hersfeld and finally, and until his death, in Rinteln. The records refer to him in various ways as, for instance, Magistrate of the Electorate of Hesse; County Judge of the Electorate of Hesse; Electoral Court Magistrate at Rotenburg and Superior Court Justice.

He was a very great lover of music and a talented viola player. He was well to do and saw to it that all members of his large family were well educated in the best schools. (See forward for children.)

(3) Johannes Philip Bechtel, b. Mar. 18, 1799; bap. Mar. 29, 1799; d. June 30, 1799. Godfather, Johan Philip Bechtel, business man and citizen of Hanau.

(4) Johann Friedrich Bechtel, b. Sept. 11, 1800; bap. Sept. 22, 1800; godfather, Johann Friedrich Dufay (du Fay).

(5) Wilhelm Bechtel, b. May 16, 1802; bap. May 25, 1802; godfather, Rev. Martin Heinemann, Ref. Pastor of Windecken. Married, first, Nov. 3, 1834, Susanna Margareta, daughter of citizen and innkeeper Philip Dietz and his wife, Christina Wilhelmina Dietz (*nee* Fritz), b. Aug. 28, 1812; d. Nov. 11, 1835, after birth on Nov. 7, 1835, of son, Philip Wilhelm Karl Bechtel (Marriage Reg. Vol. 8, year 1834, entry No. 51). Married second, 1839, Wilhelmine Philipine, daughter of citizen and innkeeper and captain in the Civil Guards, Philip Jakob Dietz, b. Oct. 28, 1813. To this union was born, Oct. 30, 1840, a son, George Christoph Bechtel.

(6) Maria Agnetta Bechtel, b. Mar. 20, 1804; bap. Apr. 5, 1804; Godmother, Maria Agnetta Serrurier, grandmother of the child.

Children of Karl Bechtel[9], son of Johannes Adam Bechtel[8] and Esther R. G. (Serrurier) Bechtel and his first wife, Johanna Marie Friederike Fresenius.

(1) August Bechtel.

(2) Karl Philip Bechtel, b. Oct. 19, 1823; d. May 14, 1891; m. Wilhelmine Sallman, b. Nov. 6, 1828; d. Oct. 29, 1880. Issue two sons, (1) Karl; (2) Ernest Ferdinand. Neither married.

(3) Johanna Marie Friederika Bechtel, b. Feb. 19, 1825; d. Sept. 23, 1898; m. Mr. Hamburg. Issue, three daughters.

Children of second marriage of Karl Bechtel[9] with Marie Friederike Ernestine Osterheld, who came from Rohrbach in the District of Erbach.

(1) Friedrich Karl Georg Bechtel, b. Jan. 23, 1829, in Hanau; d. Nov. 23, 1909, in Brooklyn, New York; m. Anna Merkle; no children. He was a talented musician, teacher and composer. Many of his compositions were published. He composed marches for Patrick Gilmore, a prominent bandmaster of the 1880's. He also composed other selections and operas, one of which, an opera, "Alfred The Great," was so huge in its scope that no company could produce it. He was Director of The Adelphi Conservatory of Music in Brooklyn.

(2) Karl Wilhelm Bechtel[10], b. Sept. 12, 1830, in Hanau; (bap. Oct. 17, 1830; godfathers, Joh. Karl Bode, Revenue Office Assistant and William Bechtel, merchant); d. Oct. 11, 1871, in Iowa City, Iowa, where he is buried. While living with his father in Hersfeld he fell in love with Marie Laufer, a seamstress lately come to his father's house. She was born Sept. 30, 1827, in Hersfeld on the River Fulda, Germany; d. Sept. 23, 1877, in Coralville, Iowa, near Iowa City. (See forward for history of Laufer family.) Because her parents and forbears were guildmasters and working people, the Bechtel parents objected to a marriage. In order that he might marry her, he renounced claim to any part of his father's estate and emigrated to Lawrence, Mass., U. S. A., in the spring of 1852 and got a job in a woolen factory as a wool sorter. She followed the next year and the marriage took place in Lawrence, Dec. 3, 1853.

After re-uniting in America, the couple lived in Lawrence, Mass., until 1858 when, with a family of two children, they moved to Story County, Iowa, where in 1863 they bought a quarter section of land. They sold this farm the next year in order to move to Dallas County, Iowa, where they lived until 1869. Thereafter they lived in Coralville, Iowa, near Iowa City, where they both

died. While living at Xenia, Iowa, in Dallas County, they operated a small grocery store and the local post office and, because of their generosity to families whose fathers and sons were away to war, they lost everything they had saved since coming to America.

Both were German Lutherans, as their families on both sides had been for many generations.

The passport of Karl Wilhelm[10], still preserved, was dated at Rinteln on May 12, 1852. It describes him as having blonde hair, eyebrows and beard, gray eyes, large nose and medium mouth, and gives his height as 5 feet and 4 inches. His birth certificate accompanying same gives his birthplace as Hanau and his father as the Superior Court Justice Karl Bechtel. (See forward for children.)

Preserved letters in beautiful hand and expression prove the high education of Karl Wilhelm[10] (he never used the Karl in his name), and his ardent love for Marie. Two letters, particularly, written just before Karl Wilhelm set sail for America not only attest this, but also indicate that the course of their own true love had not run any too smoothly. Translations of these two letters will be found on pages 15, 16, and 17.

(3) Philip Edouard Julius Bechtel[11], b. Nov. 10, 1831, in Hanau; (bap. Dec. 11, 1831; godfathers, Wilhelm Joh. Philip Bechtel of Hanau and Julius Ernst Dilcher, son of the first gamekeeper, Ludwig Dilcher, of the Berfelden in the Oldenwald), d. Sept. 23, 1902, at Des Moines, Iowa. Emigrated to U. S. A. in 1853 and settled first at Story City and later at Des Moines, Iowa, where he owned and operated a dry goods store. Married 1864, at Des Moines, Adalpheine C. Bleckmann, b. Jan. 3, 1845, in Solingen, Germany, emigrated to Chicago, Illinois, with her parents in late 1853 and died in Des Moines, Oct. 1, 1873. Her parents were Julius A. Bleckmann and his wife Lizette, *nee* Gravel. (See forward for children.)

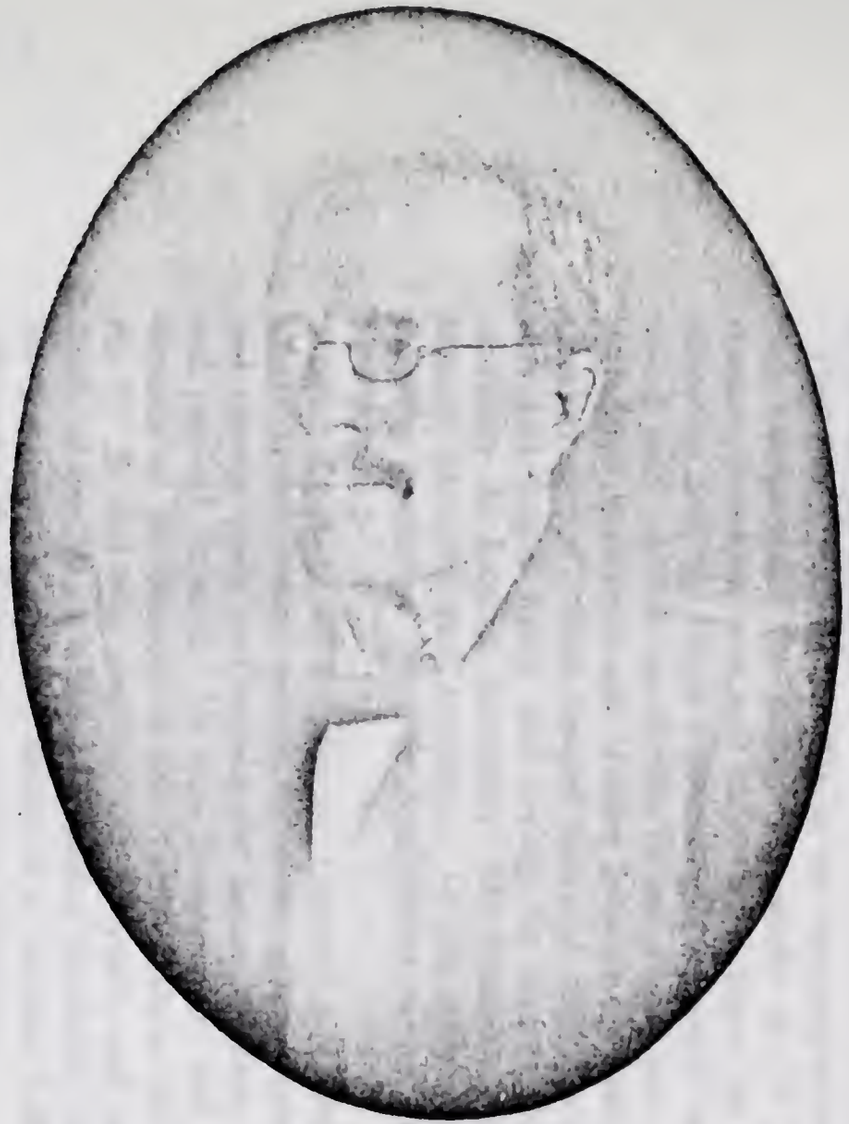
(4) Bertha Julia Agnete Bechtel, b. Dec. 13, 1832; d. Aug. 21, 1899; m. Mr. Hohenthal. Issue, one son, Karl Friedrick Lebercetel Hohenthal, b. Dec. 12, 1862, who is a chemist in New York City.

(5) Auguste Babette Bechtel, b. Mar. 15, 1834; d. in New York before 1897; m. Mr. Rosenstadt. Issue, two daughters, both dead.

(6) Franziska Susanne Albertine Bechtel, b. Mar. 10, 1835, in Hanau; d. July 10, 1905, in New York City; m. Herman F. Fique. Issue, two sons, as follows:

(a) Carl Fique, b. in Germany; came to New York City with his parents while still a boy; d. suddenly in the music room of the Zion Lutheran Church late December 1930, where he had gone to prepare for the music services for

Franziska Susanne Albertine (Bechtel) Fique, 1835-1905.



Philip Edouard Julius Bechtel, 1831-1902.

the following Sunday. He married Katherine Noack, but there were no children.

Carl Fique devoted his life to the teaching of composition, harmony and the piano. His studio at 128 DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn, was well known. He began his musical education with his Uncle Friedrich Bechtel when he was a young man. At the age of nine he memorized and publicly performed Beethoven and Mozart Sonatas and many other classical works. After several years of intensive instruction and frugal living and saving, he entered the Conservatory at Leipzig, Germany. He studied under Professors Reinecke and Jadasohn. In his second year he won the Beethoven prize for composition, which gave him free tuition.

After finishing at Leipzig he returned to New York, where he won many prizes, composed operas, symphonies and church music and became the leader of many singing and musical societies. He was chosen leader and musical director of the Singers of the North Eastern Division of the U. S. and was organist for 43 years, and until his death, of the Zion Lutheran Church of Brooklyn. He won the prize for words and music of a German Folk Song offered by the Kaiser to American composers.

He was one of the founders of The Fossils, amateur editors, president several times of the Musical Directors Society of America, president of The Bohemian Musical Society, president of the Schlarafia of Brooklyn and founder and leader of the Fique Choral Society. His studio was a rendezvous for musicians and interesting people. He traveled much in Europe and the United States.

His best known operatic compositions are "Orienta," "The Purple Peacock," "Castles in the Air," and "The Return of Cleopatra." His last operetta, "*Merry Madrid*," was finished the day of his death and was rendered thereafter on May 12, 1931, in the Brooklyn Academy of Music by his friends as a tribute to his memory.

(b) Herman Fique, b. Oct. 15, 1867, in Hoboken, N. J. Attended the Brooklyn public schools. As a youth was connected with various commercial houses. Later went on the stage and became a professional club entertainer. Was engaged in Japanese art and sporting goods business. Has permanent home at Stephentown, N. Y. At present manager of Elks Club in White Plains, N. Y. He is a member of The Fossils, Guild of Former Pipe Organ Pumpers, Foresters of America and a charter member of the American Federation of Actors. He married, June 30, 1890, Ruth Fox and has one daughter, Rose Marion Fique, who m. first, Christian Roenne, by whom there are three children,

(1) Joseph; (2) Phillis Ann; and John. Married second, William J. Norton, Rhodes Scholar, professor of philosophy in Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J. No issue by second marriage.

(7) Luise Wilhelmine Bechtel, b. Apr. 10, 1836; d. May 6, 1838.

(8) Ludwig Karl Bechtel, b. May 17, 1837; d. July 13, 1838.

Children of third marriage of Karl Bechtel[9] with Marie Philippine Franziska Stauch.

(1) Anna Sophie Christine Magdalene Bechtel, b. Sept. 28, 1842; d. May 11, 1882; m. Rudolf Neander. Issue, two sons and six daughters. Three daughters live in New York as follows: (1) Franziska Amelia (Neander) Hallstrom; (2) Anna (Neander) Havens and (3) Minnie Neander.

(2) Luise Wilhelmine Helene Bechtel (called Lulu), b. Jan. 28, 1844; d. Nov. 3, 1910. Never married.

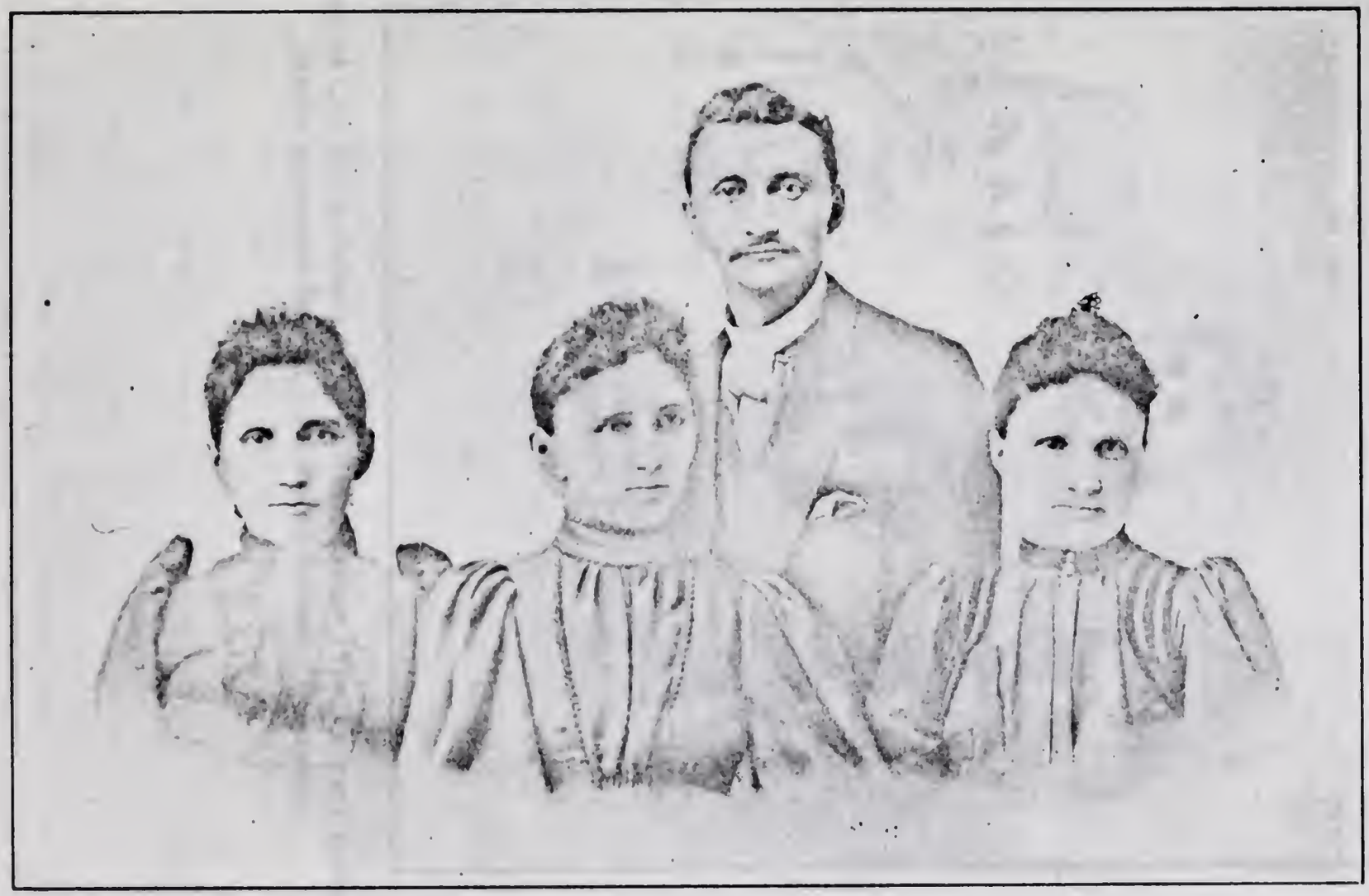
Children of Karl Wilhelm Bechtel[10] (son of Judge Karl Bechtel[9] and Marie Friederike Ernestine, *nee* Osterheld) and his wife, Marie Laufer.

(1) Herman Bechtel, b. Sept. 17, 1854; d. July 22, 1875, as a result of a boiler explosion in the paper mill where he was employed at Iowa City, Iowa. Never married. Was a dutiful son, replacing his father, after the latter's death, as the supporter of the family, giving his mother all his weekly earnings except fifty cents per week.

(2) Fredericka Bechtel, b. Apr. 29, 1857, in Lawrence, Mass.; d. Dec. 30, 1928. Lived first in Muscatine, Iowa, and later in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Never married.

(3) Augusta Bechtel, b. Mar. 22, 1859; m. John Davis; d. in Denver, Colorado, Jan. 26, 1927. Two sons, (1) Herbert Dwight Davis, b. Mar. 27, 1880; d. in infancy; (2) Louis Davis.

(4) Carl Philip Bechtel, b. at Nevada, Story County, Iowa, Nov. 12, 1863; d. at Fort Dodge, Iowa, Aug. 31, 1935; m. Nov. 13, 1884, at Fort Dodge, Iowa, Rose Belle Waldburger, b. Jan. 7, 1865. (For Waldburger Genealogy, see forward.) He learned the baker's trade in Des Moines, Iowa. Moved to Fort Dodge, Iowa, Jan. 10, 1883, where for thirty-five years and until 1920 he was a member of the firm of Crosby and Bechtel, bakers and restauanteurs. In the latter year, because of cataracts on both eyes which the best of scientists could not master, he lost his eyesight and was forced to retire permanently from business. He was a corporal in the 51st Iowa National Guard Band and Chief of the



Children of Karl Wilhelm Bechtel[10]. Left to right, Augusta (Bechtel) Davis, Henrietta (Bechtel) Stocker, Carl Philip Bechtel (standing), Fredericka Bechtel.

Family of Carl Philip Bechtel (1863-1935), and Rose (Waldburger) Bechtel, Hattie Rosamond Bechtel, Carl Philip Bechtel, Jr. (seated).

city's Volunteer Fire Department for many years. He was an accomplished musician and a member of the Masonic Lodge in Fort Dodge.

After marriage he and his wife withdrew from their traditional churches (he from the German Lutheran and she from the Roman Catholic) and sent their children to a Presbyterian Sunday School. Later they and their children joined the Episcopal Church. In their declining years the parents attended the Christian Science Church in Fort Dodge, Iowa, where they lived. They had two children as follows:

(a) Hattie Rosamond Bechtel, b. Dec. 16, 1885, in Fort Dodge, Iowa; m. Sept. 17, 1907, in St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Fort Dodge, Iowa, James William Hook (son of James and Virginia (Eller) Hook, of Wapello County, Iowa), b. Jan. 9, 1884. She was educated in the public schools of Fort Dodge. Society editor of the *Fort Dodge Messenger*, 1906-7. During the World War she was active in various women's committees in Tarrytown, New York, where she then lived. She worked for woman suffrage both in Iowa and New York and was identified with the work of the League of Women Voters, though not as an active member. She is a member of the Christian Science Church. Family lives in New Haven, Conn. Issue, three children: (1) James Philip Hook, b. Jan. 22, 1911; d. Mar. 15, 1911; (2) James William Hook, Jr., b. May 30, 1912, a graduate of Taft School, Watertown, Conn., 1930, and of Yale Univ., A.B. 1934. Now employed by J. Walter Thompson Co., New York City, N. Y.; (3) Rose Virginia Hook, b. May 23, 1914, a graduate of Mrs. Day's School, New Haven, Conn., 1932, and of Vassar College, A.B. 1936.

(b) Carl Philip Bechtel, Jr., b. May 21, 1888; m. first, Nov. 1, 1911, Margaret Updegraff, by whom he had one son Kenneth Philip Bechtel, b. July 21, 1912, a graduate of Hotchkiss School of Lakeville, Conn., 1930, and of Leland Stanford University, A.B. 1934, who m. Aug. 27, 1935, Margery Louise Osborne of Palo Alto, Calif. Married, second, Aug. 28, 1930, Georgie Helen Heald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Schuyler Heald of Moore, Montana. To this union was born Sept. 8, 1932, Helen Rose Bechtel.

(5) Henrietta Bechtel, b. Oct. 3, 1865, in Dallas Co., Iowa; m. June 30, 1886, Fred Stocker, b. Aug. 25, 1864. Living at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. One child, Charles Frederick Stocker, b. Apr. 21, 1887, in Muscatine, Iowa; m. June 14, 1910, Erma Little, b. Nov. 20, 1887, in Springfield, Iowa, by whom there was one child, Grace Elizabeth Stocker, b. July 19, 1912, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who m. Claude Anderson.

(6) Oscar Bechtel, b. Oct. 29, 1868; d. in infancy.

Children of Philip Edouard Julius Bechtel[11] (son of Judge Karl Bechtel[9] and Marie Friederike Ernestine, *nee* Osterheld) and his wife, Adalpheine C. Bleckmann.

(1) Carl Edward Bechtel, b. at Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 9, 1866; d. 1903; m. Jeannette Goodbarn. Family lived at Des Moines. Issue one son:

(a) Russell Bechtel of Des Moines, Iowa.

(2) Clara Bechtel, b. at Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 3, 1868; m. 1889 Frank Fischer. Family lived in Des Moines. Issue, all of whom lived in Clive, Iowa, near Des Moines.

(a) Flora Fischer, b. May 1, 1890; married.

(b) Carl Fischer, b. Oct. 29, 1894; married.

(c) Ernest Fischer, b. Aug. 7, 1899.

(d) Ada Fischer, b. Aug. 24, 1903.

(3) Ernest Julius Bechtel, b. at Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 26, 1870; d. June 25, 1933, at his summer home on Lake Champlain. Married Sept. 16, 1897, Antoinette Angeline Vischer of Toledo, Ohio, b. Nov. 20, 1874, daughter of Otto Charles and Angeline L. Vischer (*nee* Seeley). Ernest Julius Bechtel was, until retirement in 1929, a public utility operator and engineer in charge of the electrical and power properties of Hodenpyl, Hardy and Company of New York City. He was called to New York about 1911, after a successful experience with the street railway systems of Des Moines, Indianapolis and Toledo, Ohio. Before his retirement he was vice president of the Janesville (Wis.) Traction Company, the Rockford (Ill.) and Interurban Railway Company, the Ohio Edison Company and other utility corporations. He was a fellow of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and a member of other engineering societies. He was also a member of the New York Athletic Club, the Engineers and Railroad Clubs in New York and the Wykagyl Country Club of New Rochelle, New York, where he lived. Issue, two daughters, as follows:

(a) Maurine Bechtel, b. at Toledo, Ohio, Aug. 9, 1902; m. Feb. 1, 1927, William Enos Wetzel of Trenton, New Jersey. Family lives in Trenton, New Jersey.

(b) Elenore Bechtel, b. at Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 4, 1904; m. Oct. 19, 1935, Douglas Portice Robinson. Family lives in Toronto, Canada.

(4) Ada Bechtel, b. at Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 22, 1873; m. 1893 at Des Moines, Ralph C. Brewer. Issue one child, who died at birth.

Karl Wilhelm Bechtel (1830-1871) as drawn by Herman Laufer.

Karl Wilhelm Bechtel (1830-1871), artist's re-draft of the Herman Laufer drawing.

LETTERS OF KARL WILHELM BECHTEL[10] TO MARIE LAUFER

"My dear, kind Mariechen (Marie or Molly)

"The hour for our separation is at hand, and I therefore dedicate to you for eternal remembrance these few lines. They come from the innermost recesses of my heart. Take them to heart and you will find therein comfort in the hours where you think yourself forgotten.

"In a wondrous manner, destined by God's Providence, did I meet you, my dear Molly. Since the time when I learned to know you in your whole being, in your inexpressible love for me, I have loved and revered you with my whole heart as my guardian angel and the chosen companion for my future happiness.

"No disturbance of our nearly two years' love occurred through our own fault, but we had many a heart ache to suffer. With calmness and with a good heart we have lovingly borne joy and pain with each other. The harder it is for us to bear this separation, but with faith in God and with the confident hope once to take you home as my beloved wife, do I leave here and I pray our Almighty Father in Heaven that He may help you in all troubles and keep you healthy and of good cheer until the bell strikes for a joyous reunion.

"These are the most ardent wishes of

"Your Wilhelm who loves you forever.

W. Bechtel.

"Hersfeld, March 29, 1852

"A bed of flowers, rich and tender,
May grow for you in every lot!
Then pick for me from all this splendor,
A sweet, little forget-me-not!"

"Rinteln, May 13, 1852.

"My dear beloved Mariechen (Marie or Molly)—

"I received yesterday your two letters of the 9th and 10th inst. My dear Molly, how greatly have the sad advices of your sickness which has reached such a high degree, terrified me. Poor child, you must suffer, and I am healthy. Would that I could take over your pain; gladly would I endure the same. If I were with you, the sickness, to be sure, would not be so bad. You also have heart sickness, however, as I imagine. My dear Molly, I ask you, for God's sake, be calm and look confidently into the future. I could not remain there any longer, you know that, dear child, and so that we may meet again, we had to

separate, and I have to go to America. Dear Molly, we have very often spoken of this together, and you have sanctioned my plan. Therefore, kind angel, who now has to suffer for me so much, let us pray to God to let you recover your health soon and to let me reach America safely, so that I may prepare a new home for ourselves.

"I am crying, dear Molly, in writing these lines; a cruel fate rests on you and me; you are dangerously ill and I must go away with a heavy heart. But, my dear angel, we will hope that things will soon change. Dear, kind Molly, I am yours and I remain yours so long as I live. Dear child, write me to Bremen at all events how you are, and do so on the very day you receive this letter. I will send the address to Demme. Tomorrow morning at 9 A. M. I leave here. My dear Molly, everything else is quite all right with me and I am enjoying good health. Only, that you must suffer so, that is what makes me sad. I have passed the time up till now in the manner I have described to you, and to-day I start packing.

"I was very glad to learn of the engagement of Christiane, and you probably were too. Now, she is provided for. You know that we often spoke of Christiane and that she would some day still marry Mr. Zeiss, and you always laughed when we said this. When you write to her, give her my greetings and congratulate her; I cannot write to her any more to-day.

"My dear child, I close this letter in the hope that you are on the way to improvement and that you feel comforted when you know that some one far away wants to help you bear your suffering. May God help you. Greet your mother, Jettchen and Herman for me many times, also Zuschlag, Lieschen, Seeligs, etc. and be yourself cordially greeted and kissed a thousand times by

"Your forever faithful

W. Bechtel.

"Postscript—
"Dear Molly:

"In about two or three weeks you can write to me in New York and give Demme the letter who will forward it, so that when I land I will know at once how you are. Be greeted and kissed once more by

"Your faithful

Wilhelm.

"Postscript—

"I just received the letter from Miss Budnitz and I was very glad to learn from it that you are better again, and thus, with God's help, I hope you will soon have recovered entirely. I now go away with a much lighter heart than would have been possible for me in view of your letter of yesterday. I, therefore, ask you again to compose your-

Mein liebes, gutes Mariechen!
Die Stunde unserer Trennung ist da,
& deßhalb weihe ich dir zum ewigen
Andenken diese wenige Zeilen
Sie kommen aus dem innersten
meines Herzens. Beherzige dir die
selben und du wirst darin Trost
finden in den Stunden, wo du
dich verlassen glaubst.
Auf wunderbare von der Vor-
sehung Gottes bestimmte Weise
lernte ich dich mein liebes Mariechen
kennen. Seit der Zeit, wo ich dich in
deinem ganzen Wesen, in deiner
unaussprechlichen Liebe gegen mich
kennen gelernt habe, liebe & vor
ehre ich dich von ganzem Herzen, als
meinen Schutzengel und meine
Auserwählte für mein künftig
Lebensglück.
Keine Störung unserer beinahe 2
jährigen Liebe fiel durch unsere eigene
Schuld vor. Doch hatten wir manches
Leid zu tragen. Mit Ruhe und mit
einem guten Herzen haben wir
Freud & Leid liebevoll mit einander
getragen.

Facsimile (actual size) of letter of Karl Wilhelm Bechtel[10] to Marie Laufer (see page 15 for translation).

(OVER)

Um so schwerer wird uns die jetzige
Trennung doch mit Vertrauen auf Gott
und mit der zuversichtlichen Hoffnung
Dich einst als meine liebe Frau heim
zu führen, scheid ich von hier und
bitte unsern allmächtigen Vater im
Himmel, daß er dir beistehe in aller
Noth und Dich gesund & munter erhalten
möge, bis die Glocke zu unserm fröh
lichen Wind ersehen schlägt.
Dieses sind die heißesten Wünsche,
deines Dich ewig liebenden

Hersfeld am 29 März 52. W. Bechtel

Es wachse unter jedem Tritte
Ein Thal von Blumen schön & dicht
Dann pflücke für mich aus ihrer Mitte
Ein niedliches Vergiß meinnicht

Marie (Laufer) Bechtel, 1827-1877.

self and to look with confidence into the future, for you know my loyal heart. To Miss Budnitz I express my heart-felt thanks for taking care of you so well and for writing me so generously. In any case, I look forward to a letter in Bremerhafen from you, or, if you cannot write, perhaps some one else will be kind enough to do so. With cordial greetings and kisses

"Your faithful

WILHELM."

To show the delicate hand of Karl Wilhelm, a print in actual size of the first letter above in the original German is inserted. The verse at the bottom provides a perfect ending. (See opposite page.)

THE LAUFER FAMILY

(See preface for sources)

The Laufer family of Hersfeld was a sturdy and honorable one of the old guild class. It worshipped in the Reformed Lutheran Church in Hersfeld from the records of which the following data were obtained. The family sent its sons to other parts of the empire and to America and other foreign lands. The name is often found in important places in Germany.

Nicholas Laufer moved from Crainfeld (Vogelsburg), Oberhessen, Germany, to Hersfeld before 1717; d. in Hersfeld, buried July 31, 1759; m. Feb. 18, 1717, Anna Kunigunde Möeller, dau. of John Möeller. She died in Hersfeld and was buried Oct. 27, 1752. Children, all born in Hersfeld:

(1) Johannes Pretus Laufer, b. Dec. 4, 1717; confirmed 1731; no death record; evidently moved to other parts.

(2) Johann Georg Laufer, b. Feb. 19, 1720; m. Apr. 2, 1743, Martha Elizabeth Weigel.

(3) Marie Katherina Laufer, b. May 25, 1722; d. Sept. 5, 1722.

(4) Johannes Laufer, b. Nov. 24, 1723; d. Feb. 8, 1787; m. Feb. 23, 1747, Barbara Katherina Otto.

(5) Johann Heinrich Laufer, b. Mar. 18, 1727; d. Oct. 23, 1794; m. Feb. 25, 1751, Anna Katherina Kappus, dau. of John Kappus. Laufer's occupation was that of tailormaster. The parochial record reads "John Heinrich, son of Nicholaus Laufer, was baptized Mar. 18, 1727. Godfather was John Henry Möeller of Crainfeld. John Roell (tailormaster) carried him for the above to the holy baptism." (See forward for children.)

(6) Anna Elizabeth Laufer, b. Jan. 25, 1735; d. Mar. 28, 1738.

Children of Johann Heinrich Laufer, son of Nicholas and Anna Kunigunde (Möeller) Laufer, and his wife Anna Katherina, *nee* Kappus, all born in Hersfeld.

(1) Johannes Laufer, twin of next below, b. Feb. 21, 1752; d. May 14, 1752.

(2) Katherina Elizabeth Laufer, twin of next above, b. Feb. 21, 1752; d. Dec. 15, 1753.

(3) Johannes Laufer, b. Mar. 20, 1756; d. July 20, 1761.

(4) Heinrich Herman Laufer, twin of next below, b. Oct. 8, 1760; d. May 20, 1820, by drowning in the River Fulda. He was a tailormaster. Married twice; first, on Aug. 12, 1783, to Anna Christine Rudolph, b. Nov. 15, 1757; d. Nov. 11, 1808; and second, on Dec. 2, 1810, to Anna Marie Hamar, widow of the cooper, George Hamar. She was born in Heringen in 1754; d. in Hersfeld, Oct. 24, 1834. Maiden name Gleim. (No issue by second marriage. For children of first marriage, see forward.)

(5) Anna Margareta Laufer, twin of next above, b. Oct. 8, 1760; d. Jan. 26, 1761.

(6) Johann Georg Laufer, b. Oct. 23, 1763; confirmed 1775; probably moved outside since no death record was left.

Children of Heinrich Herman Laufer, son of Johann Heinrich and Anna Katherina (Kappus) Laufer, and his wife Anna Christine, *nee* Rudolph. All born in Hersfeld.

(1) Anna Elizabeth Laufer, b. July 26, 1784; d. 1841; m. Sept. 1, 1811, the shoemaster, Johann Georg Klubeschied.

(2) Anna Martha Laufer, b. Dec. 3, 1785; d. Dec. 26, 1785.

(3) Johann Heinrich Laufer, b. Feb. 15, 1787; d. June 24, 1790.

(4) Johann Adam Laufer, b. Dec. 16, 1789; d. Jan. 28, 1850; m. July 28, 1818, Dorothea Dickmann, daughter of Sergeant Christian Dickmann, b. May 19, 1799; d. Jan. 24, 1851. Laufer was a tailormaster. (See forward for children.)

(5) Johann Konrad Laufer, b. Sept. 1, 1791; d. Nov. 15, 1854; m. Christiane Otto.

(6) Konrad Heinrich Laufer, b. Sept. 12, 1793; d. Nov. 23, 1799.

(7) Marie Elizabeth Laufer, b. Nov. 17, 1795; d. Apr. 4, 1801.

(8) Anna Martha Laufer, b. Oct. 24, 1797; d. Oct. 7, 1805.

(9) Anna Katherina Laufer, twin of next below, b. Nov. 23, 1799; d. Sept. 6, 1805.

(10) Katherina Maria Laufer, twin of next above, b. Nov. 23, 1799; d. Oct. 11, 1805.

(11) Katherina Sophie Laufer, b. Sept. 1, 1802; d. June 21, 1858; m. the tailormaster, Wilhelm Wille.

Children of Johann Adam Laufer, son of Heinrich Herman and Anna Christine (Rudolph) Laufer, and his wife, Dorothea, *nee* Dickmann. All born in Hersfeld, Germany.

(1) Konrad Laufer, b. Dec. 20, 1819; d. Oct. 28, 1825.

(2) Maria Christiana Laufer, b. Jan. 20, 1822. No death record, evidently moved to other parts. Probably married Mr. Zeiss. (See page 16.)

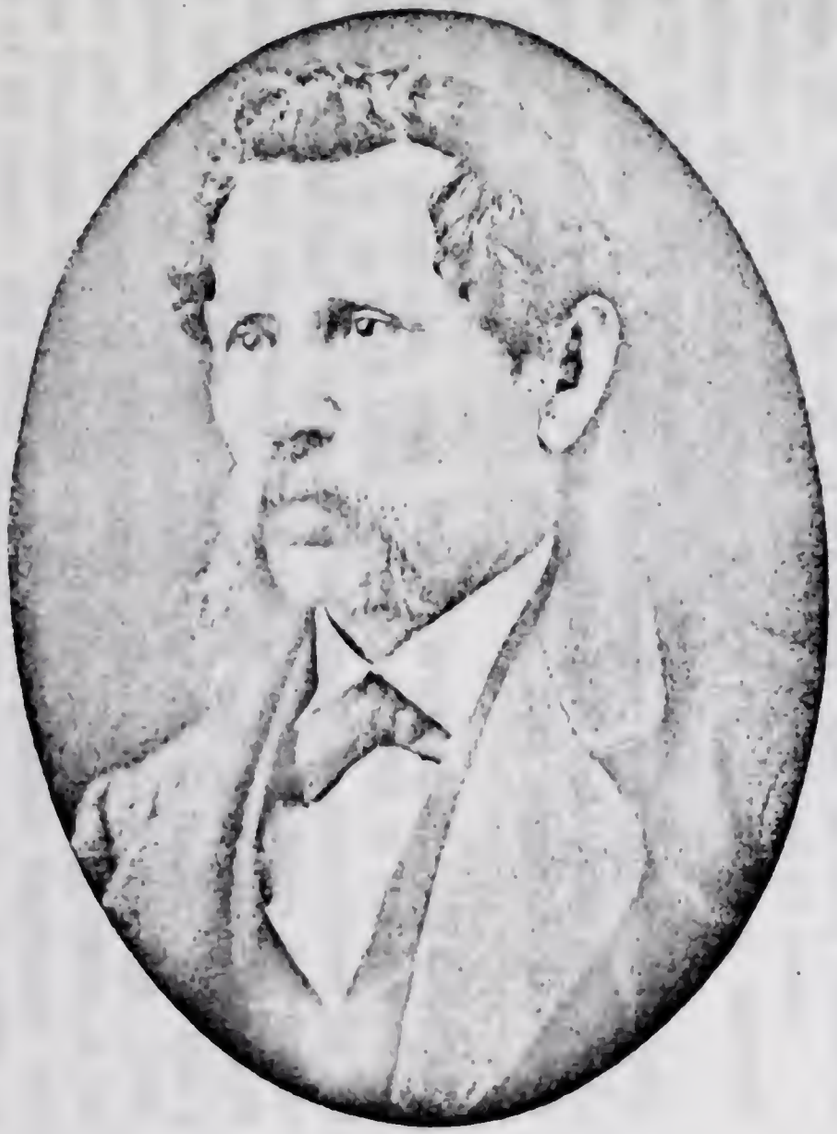
(3) Christian Laufer, b. Aug. 10, 1824; d. July 26, 1842. Never married.

(4) Karl Laufer, b. Aug. 15, 1826; d. Sept. 26, 1826.

(5) Marie Laufer, b. Sept. 30, 1827; confirmed 1842; emigrated to U. S. A., with her brother Herman, in 1853, and d. in Coralville, Iowa, Sept. 23, 1877; m. in Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 3, 1853, Karl Wilhelm Bechtel, b. in Hanau, Germany, Sept. 12, 1830; d. in Iowa City, Iowa, Oct. 11, 1871. She was a seamstress employed in the home of Judge Karl Bechtel when the romance began that led to her intermarriage with the Judge's son, Karl Wilhelm Bechtel. (See Bechtel Family for children of this union.)

(6) Henrietta Laufer, b. June 28, 1830; confirmed 1844. No death record, evidently moved to other parts.

(7) Kilian Herman Laufer, b. Sept. 12, 1839; confirmed 1853; emigrated to U. S. A., in 1853 and settled in Iowa. He married Matilda Pfizzler and had two children, (1) Frank Laufer, who married and had two sons, and (2) Olive Laufer, d. Oct. 27, 1935, who m., first, William Miller and m., second, William Jones. By her first marriage there was one daughter, Grace Miller, who married William Deane.



Franz Xaver Waldburger, 1819-1879.

Theresa Josepha (Kampe) Waldburger, 1827-1894.

THE WALDBURGER FAMILY

(See preface for sources)

The family was prominent in Hirschberg, Bohemia, from the 16th century to the present time. It was Roman Catholic in its religious faith and it was from the parish records in Hirschberg that the following early history was obtained. The emigrant to America left Bohemia, as many others did, to escape the military servitude that was being forced upon the youth of the nation by the Hapsburg dynasty.

The family herein chronicled goes back, so far as the records have been searched, to Georg Wolborger, whose wife, Barbara, was born in 1632 and died in Hirschberg, Aug. 26, 1713, at the age of 81. A son, Mathes or Matthias (name spelled Wallburger, Woldtburger) was bap. Feb. 26, 1664; d. Dec. 9, 1729. The latter was a baker and Alderman of Hirschberg.

Matthias Waldburger (Wallburger, Woldtburger) 1664-1729; m., first, Rosina, b. 1660; d. May 18, 1716; by whom he had a son, Franz, b. Oct. 23, 1687. One Matthias Waldburger, probably a son of the above, m. June 13, 1716, Maria Elisabeth Wagner, bap. July 25, 1686, the daughter of Andreas Wagner, b. 1647; d. Sept. 10, 1727, at the age of 80 years; and his wife Barbara, *nee* Komp, b. 1658; d. Jan. 23, 1721, at the age of 63 years.

Andreas Wagner and Barbara Komp (Kampe) were married Nov. 26, 1680. He was a miller in Hirschberg.

The children of Matthias Waldburger and Mary Elisabeth Wagner were (1) Franz, b. Aug. 21, 1717; d. Aug. 28, 1717; (2) Johann, b. 1721; d. Apr. 29, 1728; (3) Anton, b. 1728; d. Aug. 28, 1733.

The next generation was Franz Walburger[1] (Waldburger, Wollburger), b. *ca.* 1717-1718; d. Apr. 9, 1792, at the age of 74. It was thought that he was a son of Matthias next above by his second wife, but death records in the church archives in connection with the son Franz, if they have not been confused with baptismal records, which is probable, put this in doubt. He was a baker and gardener in Hirschberg. He married Jan. 21, 1744, Anna Dorothea Siegmund, b. *ca.* 1720; d. Sept. 21, 1804, at the age of 84 years; the dau., probably, of Johann Siegmund, who was an Alderman and gardener at Hirschberg, b. *ca.* 1689; d. before 1763; and his wife Maria. She probably had brothers,

Wenzel Siegmund, b. 1720, a clerk in the Revenue Department at Trebitsch, and Andreas Siegmund, b. 1728, a soldier in the militia. (See forward for children.)

The children of Franz Walburger[1] and his wife, Anna Dorothea, *nee* Siegmund, were:

(1) Franz Anton Walburger, b. Dec. 1744; d. Feb. 15, 1745.

(2) Vinzenz Franz Walburger, b. 1747.

(3) Franz Anton Walburger, b. 1750.

(4) Hanss Joseph Walburger, b. 1753.

(5) Johann Anton Waldburger[2] (Walburger), b. May 21, 1754. He was a master shoemaker in Hirschberg. He married Nov. 19, 1776, Anna Elisabeth Pöschl (Pischel), b. 1750; the daughter of Franz Pöschl, Jr. (Pischel, Pieschel), who d. Mar. 28, 1762, at the age of 45, and his wife Anna Rosina, *nee* Renner, b. 1721; d. Apr. 14, 1759; and the granddaughter of Franz Pöschl, Sr. (Pischel) of Hirschberg. (See forward for children.)

Anna Rosina Renner was the daughter of Heinrich Renner, weaver and cottager of Hirschberg, b. 1691, and his wife Maria, who d. Feb. 2, 1745.

(6) Adalberth Walburger, b. 1760.

(7) Barbara Catharina Walburger, b. Nov. 22, 1761.

The children of Johann Anton Waldburger[2] (Walburger) and his wife Anna Elisabeth, *nee* Pöschl, were:

(1) Vinzenz Waldburger, b. Apr. 9, 1777.

(2) Johanna Elisabeth Waldburger, b. Aug. 31, 1779.

(3) Johann Franz Waldburger[3], b. in Hirschberg, Aug. 27, 1782. He was a Master Shoemaker and Seigniorial Master of the Fishery in Hirschberg. He married Feb. 9, 1802, Barbara Leopoldt, daughter of Franz Anton Leopoldt, b. Dec. 9, 1775, in Hirschberg. (See forward for record of Leopoldt family.) Of issue by this union were:

(a) Barbara Waldburger.

(b) Daughter, d. young.

(c) Franz Xaver Waldburger[4], b. May 1, 1819, in Hirschberg; d. Feb. 13, 1879, in Fort Dodge, Iowa, U. S. A. He was a Master Shoemaker and was Seigniorial Master of the Fishery in Hirschberg, as his father had been. He married June 15, 1847, Theresa Josefa Kampe, b. Feb. 18, 1827, in Hirschberg, Bohemia; d. Apr. 27, 1894, in Fort Dodge, Iowa, U. S. A. (See forward for Kampe Family.) The family, which included two children, the youngest of whom was a baby in arms, and an adopted boy named Andrew Crane, emigrated to the United States in the autumn of 1857 (they sailed Aug. 15, 1857), landing at Castle Garden,

Barbara Waldburger, sister of Franz Xaver Waldburger.

New York City. They moved on to Davenport, Iowa, where they resided until 1866 when they moved by covered wagon to a farm near Fort Dodge, Iowa; here they resided until 1871 when they moved into the city of Fort Dodge. They were members of the Roman Catholic Church and brought up their children in that faith. Some of their children, however, renounced this religion for others when they were grown.

On December 31, 1868, Mrs. Waldburger started with a team across the prairies to Fort Dodge, a distance of fourteen miles, to purchase provisions. She was accompanied by her fifteen year old daughter Theresa and a young man who was visiting the family. A blinding blizzard overtook them soon after they started home and very quickly the road was obliterated by drifting snow. Dusk was falling and the mother, fearing lest they get lost, got out of the wagon to search for the road. Before she realized it, she was out of sight of the wagon. The horses, impatient in the storm, soon became unmanageable and proceeded home. For hours the distracted mother was hopelessly lost and wandered aimlessly through the storm. About ten o'clock she caught sight of a gleam of light and found herself before a farm house where she was taken in, almost exhausted from cold and fatigue. The frantic family at home spent a terrible night and it was not until the following morning that they knew the wife and mother was safe. (See forward for children.)

The children of Franz Xaver Waldburger[4] (son of Johann Franz and Barbara Waldburger, *nee* Leopoldt) and his wife, Theresa Josefa, *nee* Kampe.

(1) Franz Waldburger, b. July 16, 1849; d. Mar. 21, 1855.

(2) Wenzel Waldburger, b. Sept. 27, 1851; d. Aug. 26, 1856.

(3) Theresa Waldburger, b. in Hirschberg, Bohemia, June 21, 1853; m. Charles Clouse. Children—(1) Frances; (2) Frank; (3) Albert; (4) Anna; (5) Hiram. Family lived near Fort Dodge and later in Manson, Iowa.

(4) Franz Waldburger, b. Apr. 24, 1855; d. July 24, 1855.

(5) Frances Romana Waldburger, b. in Hirschberg, Bohemia, Feb. 13, 1857; d. Aug. 20, 1934; m., first, Adam Krutz, b. Dec. 4, 1853; d. in Manson, Iowa, May 17, 1880. Issue by this union two daughters, (1) Theresa Anna Krutz, b. Mar. 24, 1877; m. Michael Tierney, b. Apr. 7, 1875. Family lives in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Children, John Joseph Tierney, b. Dec. 7, 1909; Carl Michael Tierney, b. June 10, 1915; Mary Eleanor Tierney, b. Mar. 16, 1917; and Margaret Ann Tierney, b. Feb. 4, 1919. (2)

Frances Viola Krutz, b. July 19, 1878; m. Louis Schultz, deceased, and had one daughter Frances Schultz, who m. Leonard Will. Family lives at Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Frances Romana Waldburger (1857-1934), m., second, John Joseph Magennis, by whom there were two children, (1) Joseph Leonard Magennis, b. in Albert Lea, Minn., Jan. 11, 1883, who married Grace Marsh; and (2) John Francis Magennis, b. in Albert Lea, Minn., Aug. 4, 1886, who married Ruth Wood. Both families live in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

(6) Franz Joseph Waldburger, b. Jan. 28, 1859; d. Aug. 14, 1911; m. Jan. 4, 1886, Sadie Snyder. Widow, living, New Kamilche, Wash. Issue, six children: (1) William, b. Feb. 23, 1891; m., living, Olympia, Wash., with two children, Harold and Phyllis; (2) Joseph, b. May 28, 1893; m., living, Tacoma, Wash.; (3) Myrtie, b. Jan. 21, 1896; m., living, Olympia, Wash., issue, two daughters, one named Grace; (4) Guy, b. Nov. 1, 1897; (5) Max, b. Aug. 28, 1900; (6) Lester, b. Aug. 29, 1903.

(7) Joseph Charles Waldburger, b. Mar. 2, 1862, in Davenport, Iowa; d. Feb. 24, 1929, in Fort Dodge, Iowa; m. Mar. 10, 1889, Nettie Irene, dau. of Sidney Simmons and Melissa Isabelle Simmons (*nee* Crawford) of Marshalltown, Iowa, b. Apr. 20, 1868. Family resides at Fort Dodge, Iowa. Attend Congregational Church. Occupation, Waldburger Drug Company. Issue:

(a) Ernest, d. young.

(b) Rose Marie Waldburger, b. Apr. 22, 1895. Educated, Fort Dodge, Iowa, Public Schools. Resides Grand Island, Nebr.

(c) Robert Simmons Waldburger, b. Mar. 14, 1897; married first, Sept. 5, 1922, Margaret M. Miller, d. Feb. 15, 1927, no issue. Married, second, Mary Markley, widow, whose maiden name was McEwen. He was in 126th Machine Gun Battalion, 34th Division, World War. Six months in France. Resides Fort Dodge, Iowa, where he is the Sheriff of Webster County, Iowa.

(d) Frank Richard Waldburger, b. Apr. 4, 1902; m. Georgia Kneeland. Lives at Fort Dodge, Iowa.

(e) Elizabeth Helen Waldburger, b. Jan. 1, 1906.

(8) Rose Belle Waldburger, b. Jan. 7, 1865, in Davenport, Iowa; m. Nov. 13, 1884, in Fort Dodge, Iowa, Carl Philip Bechtel, b. Nov. 12, 1863, at Nevada, Story Co., Iowa. (For Bechtel Genealogy, see elsewhere this volume.) Both members Protestant Episcopal Church. Issue, two: Hattie Rosamond Bechtel, b. Dec. 16, 1885, and Carl Philip Bechtel, b. May 21, 1888. (See Bechtel Family.)

(9) Anna Waldburger, b. Dec. 6, 1867; d. June 16, 1928; m. Ernest F. Green, deceased, a direct descendant of Nathaniel Green and Nicholas Herkimer. Issue, two: (1) Ernestine, m. Herman Tiedemann, residing Chicago; children: Mary Louise, Carl and Edwin; (2) Doris, unm., librarian, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

THE LEOPOLDT FAMILY

(See preface for sources)

The Leopoldt family has been traced in the records of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Bartholomew in Hirschberg to Ernest, whose son Joseph, b. 1711; d. Jan. 24, 1756, at the age of 45 years, married May 7, 1739, at Hirschberg, Maria Elisabeth Ritschel, b. 1706; d. Aug. 8, 1774, at the age of 68 years; the daughter of Andreas Ritschel of Alt-Kalken. A son of this union was Franz Anton Leopoldt, a corporal in the army, a Quarter Ranger at Wobrok and an aide to Baron Zedlitz. Franz Anton Leopoldt was b. Sept. 24, 1748, in Hirschberg. He m. Feb. 3, 1767, Anna Dorothea Schiffner (Schüffner), b. Sept. 14, 1744, the daughter of Anton Schüffner (Schiffner) and his wife, Anna Maria, *nee* Siegmund, b. *ca.* 1718; whom he m. May 7, 1739. Anton Schüffner was a provisioner and gardener in Hirschberg and probably was the son of Wenzel Schüffner, bap. Dec. 5, 1677; d. Nov. 9, 1724, at the age of 46 years; and his wife Anna, b. *ca.* 1685; d. Mar. 9, 1733. Anton Schüffner had children:

(1) Maria Elisabeth Schüffner, b. 1739.

(2) Franz Wenzel Schüffner, b. 1742.

(3) Anna Dorothea Schüffner, b. Sept. 14, 1744; m. Feb. 3, 1767, Franz Anton Leopoldt. (See forward for children.)

(4) Anna Catharina Schüffner.

(5) Maria Ann Schüffner.

(6) Anna Johanna Schüffner.

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(7) Johann Joseph Schüffner, b. 1759.

(8) Monika Schüffner, b. May 18, 1762.

The children of Franz Anton Leopoldt, son of Joseph and Maria Elisabeth (Ritschel) Leopoldt and his wife, Anna Dorothea, *nee* Schüffner, were:

(1) Dorothea Leopoldt, b. Nov. 6, 1767.

(2) Anna Theresa Leopoldt, b. Feb. 16, 1769.

(3) Monika Leopoldt, b. Sept. 18, 1773.

(4) Barbara Leopoldt, b. Dec. 9, 1775; m. Feb. 9, 1802, Johann Franz Waldburger, b. Aug. 27, 1782. (See Waldburger Family.)

(5) Johan Joseph Leopoldt, b. Feb. 16, 1778.

THE KAMPE FAMILY

(See preface for sources)

The Kampe name is an old one in Bohemia, where the family was prominent in the 17th and 18th centuries. It worshipped in the Roman Catholic Church from the records of which in Hirschburg the following history was obtained. In English-speaking countries, where members of the family emigrated, the name in the course of time was spelled Camp.

The family here recorded has been traced to Hans Christoph Kampe[1], who m. Maria Elizabeth (maiden name not known) and had a son, Karl Kampe[2], who was 36 years of age in 1771. This son m., Nov. 22, 1757, Maria Elisabeth, *nee* Domasch, b. *ca.* 1736, the daughter of Anton Domasch. Karl Kampe[2] was a baker and cottager in Hirschberg. His children were:

(1) Maria Magdalena Kampe, b. 1759.

(2) Maria Anna Kampe, b. Aug. 16, 1760.

(3) Frantz Karl Kampe, b. Mar. 20, 1762, d. young.

(4) Frantz Karl Kampe[3], b. Aug. 1, 1765; m. Feb. 6, 1784, Anna Maria Miksch, b. Feb. 25, 1764.

(5) Maria Elisabeth Kampe, b. Dec. 2, 1767.

(6) Joseph Kampe, b. Mar. 11, 1771.

Frantz Karl Kampe[3], a baker in Hirschberg, b. Aug. 1, 1765; m. Feb. 6, 1784, Anna Maria Miksch (Müksch), b. Feb. 25, 1764, the daughter of Johann Franz Prokop Miksch (Müksch), b. July 4, 1731, and his wife, Maria Elisabeth Patz (Potz), b. Oct. 20, 1730, whom he m. Nov. 23, 1756. She was a daughter of Anton Patz, b. 1701, and his wife Anna. (See forward for children.)

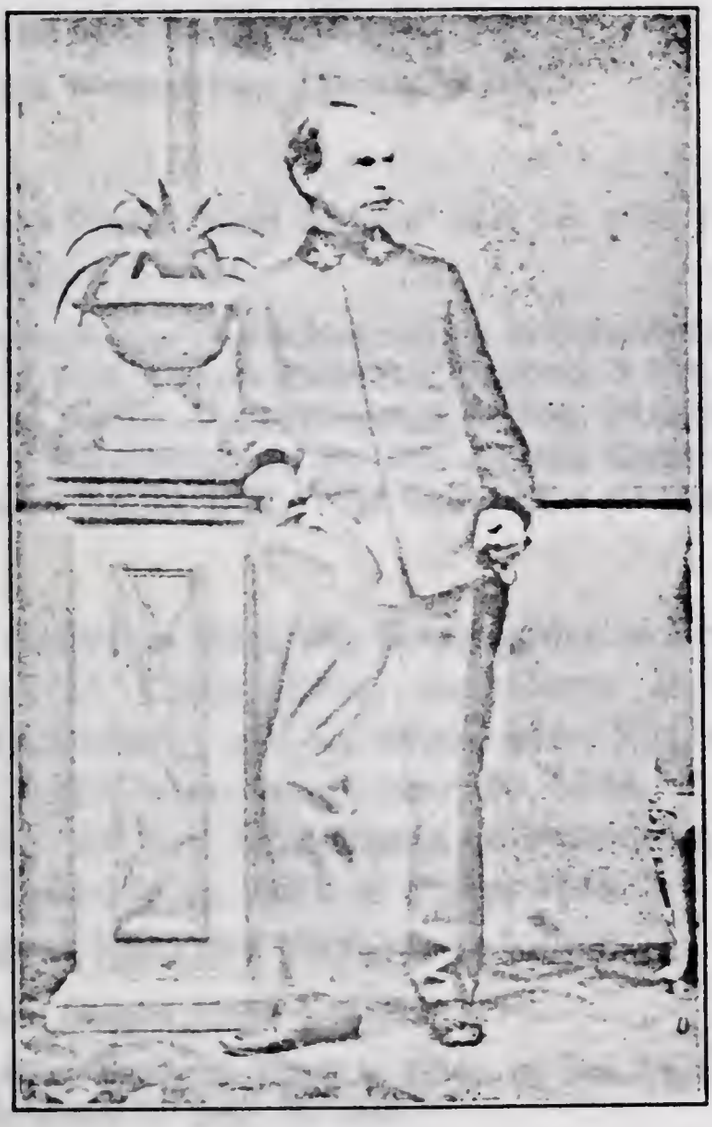
Johann Franz Prokop Miksch was a son of Franz Miksch, b. 1683, and his second wife, Veronica, b. 1701, widow of Gottfried Hering, whom he married May 2, 1730. The children of Johann Franz Prokop Miksch (Müksch) and Marie Elisabeth, *nee* Patz, were:

(1) Johann Franz Miksch, b. Dec. 3, 1761.

(2) Anna Maria Miksch, b. Feb. 25, 1764; m. Feb. 6, 1784, Frantz Karl Kampe[3], b. Aug. 1, 1765.

(3) Joseph Thomas Miksch, b. Dec. 16, 1766.

(4) Anna Miksch, b. July 22, 1772.



Josef Kampe, brother of Theresa Josepha (Kampe) Waldburger.

Anton Patz (Potz), b. 1701; d. before 1771; was the Burgomaster of Hirschberg and a black-dyer by trade. His children were:

(1) Maria Elisabeth Patz (Potz), b. Oct. 20, 1730; m. Nov. 23, 1756; Johann Franz Prokop Miksch, b. July 4, 1731.

(2) Johan Gabriel Patz (Potz), b. 1733.

(3) Frantz Anton Patz (Potz), b. 1742.

(4) Theresa Ludmila Patz (Potz), b. 1748.

(5) Johann Wentzel Patz (Potz), b. 1751.

Of issue of Frantz Karl Kampe[3] and his wife Anna Maria, *nee* Miksch (Müksch), were:

Josef Frantz Kampe[4], a stocking weaver in Hirschberg, b. Aug. 8, 1788; m. Apr. 14, 1816, Theresa Katharina Hergesell, b. Feb. 4, 1782. She was the dau. of Johann Anton Hergesell, b. Sept. 26, 1746, a barrel manufacturer in Hirschberg, and his wife Johanna Catherina Haas, b. 1754, whom he m. Jan. 18, 1780. (See forward for children.)

Johanna Catherina Haas was the daughter of Franz Ignaz Haas, b. Apr. 7, 1717, Commissioner and Cantor at Woken (later a citizen of Hirschberg) and his second wife, Eva, *nee* Schaffranka, b. Mar. 12, 1725, whom he m. Nov. 20, 1748.

The father of Eva Schaffranka was Andreas Schaffranka, a farmer at Luken, b. *ca.* 1683, d. before 1748.

Franz Ignaz Haas had children, as follows:

(1) Maria Josepha Haas, b. 1752.

(2) Johanna Catharina Haas, b. 1754; m. Jan. 18, 1780, Johann Anton Hergesell, b. Sept. 26, 1746.

(3) Anton Alexius Haas, b. 1756.

(4) Anna Margaretha Haas, b. 1757.

(5) Prokop Haas, b. 1759.

(6) Franz Ignaz Haas, b. 1764.

The father of Franz Ignaz Haas was Christian Haas, Alderman and brewer of Hirschberg, who married Rosina and died, Jan. 2, 1742, at the age of 59. She died July 6, 1739, at the age of 57 years.

The parents of Johann Anton Hergesell were Johan Christopher Hergesell, b. 1700, and his second wife Dorothea, b. *ca.* 1714.

The children of Johann Anton Hergesell and his wife, Johanna Catharina, *nee* Haas, were:

(1) Franz Anton Hergesell, b. Jan. 15, 1781.

(2) Theresa Katherina Hergesell, b. Feb. 4, 1782; m. Apr. 14, 1816, Josef Frantz Kampe[4], b. Aug. 8, 1788.

(3) Franz Ignaz Hergesell, b. Aug. 1785; d. Sept. 20, 1785.

Of issue of Josef Frantz Kampe[4] and his wife, Theresa Katherina, *nee* Hergesell, were:

(1) Theresa Josefa Kampe[5], b. Feb. 18, 1827, in Hirschberg, Bohemia; d. Apr. 27, 1894, in Fort Dodge, Iowa, U. S. A., who m. Franz Xaver Waldburger, b. May 1, 1819, in Hirschberg and d. Feb. 13, 1879, in Fort Dodge, Iowa, U. S. A. (See Waldburger Family.)

(2) A son (probably named Josef).

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